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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: FIGUERES COMMENTS ON WALL STREET
JOURNAL ARTICLE

1. AS HE WAS LEAVING INAUGURAL SESSION CONFERENCE
OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES AT WHICH HE HAD JUST SPOKEN
PRESIDENT FIGUERES CAME UP TO ME IN THE AHALL AND SAID THAT
HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE NOT ONLY HAD TOLD THE WALL
STREET JOURNAL REPORTER, WHO INTERVIEWED HIM BY PHONE RE
MATTER OF HIS US BANK ACCOUNT, TO " GO TO HELL" BUT CALLED
THEM BASTARDS AS WELL. THE PRESIDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY
AGITATED AND INCENSED. THE MAY 16 ARTICLE CLEARLY HIT A
NERVE. (THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO QUOTES FIGUERES AS SAYING
HE HAD USED THE ABOVE EXPLETIVES, ADDING THAT
PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD NO LONGER SPEAK TO WALL STREET
JOURNAL OR WASHINGTON POST).

2. PRESIDENT THEN SAID THAT WE WAS SORRY TO HAVE
DELAYED SENDING ME THE LETTER HE HAD PROMISED
EXPLAINING THE MOVEMENT OF MONIES THROUGH HIS ACCOUNT.
HE HAD WAITED TO CLARIFY SOME INFORMATION BECAUSE HE
WAS UNSURE OF SOME FACTS. NOW HE HAD THEM AND WOULD BE
SENDING ME THE LETTER. HE SAID THIS WAS ALL VOLUNTARY
WITH HIM. HE JUST WANTED ME TO HAVE THE FACTS.

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